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DEREK GAMBLIN

Select your own past Wanderers team!

WHEN Wycombe Wanderers decided to reward two of their longest serving players, Tony Horseman and John Maskell, with a testimonial match this season, the Bucks Free Press came up with an idea. And we hope we will be able to give the club, players and supporters a night to remember.

For a long time the 'Free Press' has been hoping to bring a team of former Wycombe Wanderers back to Loakes Park. The testimonial has given us the chance and on Monday, November 15, the current Wanderers team, including of course John and Tony, will take on a star-studded former Wycombe XI.

But we want the supporters to be involved with this occasion too. So we are running a special competition for three weeks for you to select your best Wycombe team

during the reign of Brian Lee as manager.

We have printed below a pool of 22 players that have been with Wycombe at various times over the last nine years. You have to select what you feel is the best 12 and send your choice to the 'Free Press' on the entry form provided. We have already selected our team for the night and the first three entries that tally with our selection will win fabulous prizes.

First prize is a super radio recorder, second prize a football autographed by the England and Finland teams that played at Wembley recently in their World Cup Qualifying match and the third prize is a stand season ticket at Wycombe Wanderers for next season.

NOT EASY!

Choosing your team won't be easy! Many of the players are now

in professional football and are regularly snatching the headlines. Viv Busby has made a great start at Norwich while Kenny Swain is a regular in the Chelsea team that top Division Two at present. Also in the Second Division is Blackpool's Peter Suddaby while Mick Mellows is scoring regularly for trouble-stricken Portsmouth.

One thing is for sure, the team that turns out on Monday, November 15 will be full of star players and we feel sure there will be plenty of entertainment for the fans.

As an additional attraction we are making arrangements for a personal appearance by one of the big names in English football — more news of that later.

RAFFLE

Price of admission on the night is 50p but tickets will be on sale at Wycombe's home matches before

November 15. Entry charge for children is 30p and O.A.P.'s 20p.

The Wanderers' Supporters Club are also running a raffle before the game with more great prizes to be won.

We want this to be a memorable night for two outstanding servants of the club. Tony 'Bodger' Horseman is currently in his 16th season with the club and has broken all goal scoring records in the club's history. He passed the 500 mark last season. 'Mask' has been the regular number one goalkeeper during his 13 seasons at Loakes Park.

The 'Free Press' feels these two players deserve something special for their testimonial and we want you to help us. So fill in your entry forms in the next three weeks and stand by for the announcement of the winners in the B.F.P. on Friday, November 12.

The 22 players

WE had to think long and hard before deciding on our final 22 players from the many fine footballers who have played for the Wanderers over the last nine years.

But this is our final pool with a few details on each of the players. To make it a little easier for you, we have split the players into four categories — goalkeepers, defence, midfield and forwards.

GOALKEEPERS

KEVIN O'BRIEN: Was Wycombe's second string goalkeeper for several years and turned in many useful performances when John Maskell was unavailable. Kevin no longer plays regular football but is still a keen cricketer.

JOHN PRATT: Had a spell with Wycombe before signing professional forms with Reading where he shared the goalkeeping role with Steve Death. John gave up football a couple of years ago but still keeps fit by playing rugby for High Wycombe.

DEFENDERS

DEREK GAMBLIN: Former England Amateur international with a wealth of experience behind him. A regular full back at Loakes Park during his stay and a member of the Blues team that lost to Hendon in the Amateur Cup semi-final. Still plays regularly for his local Sunday team in Hampshire.

JULIAN LAILEY: Another England international who recently retired from playing at Cheltenham, where he lives. A quality defender who was an ever-present during his time at Wycombe.

GARY HAND: One of three fine left backs at Loakes Park in recent years. Gary now plays for Hendon after leaving Wycombe two seasons ago.

ROGER GRANT: Another left back who helped Wanderers to league titles in the past. Now he plays in Division Two of the league with St Albans.

RAY EATON: Last year's number one choice for left back, Ray is now with Leatherhead. Arguably the best attacking number 3 at Wycombe in recent years.

PETER SUDDABY: Had a couple of seasons with Wanderers before he was signed by Blackpool F.C. where he stayed ever since and is now club captain. Strong central defender who is a regular choice in the Division Two club's team.

JOHN DELANEY: Had two spells at Loakes Park broken by a two-year stay at Bournemouth where he made several appearances. Another England international with many caps. Former Wycombe captain. Now playing for Hayes.

PHIL WOOD: Phil is now with St Albans City where he played before coming to Wycombe for a two-year spell. Solid central defender with many years' experience.

KEITH SLUNT: Now assistant manager with Plymouth Argyle in Division Two, a job he took on after leaving Wycombe where he played in many positions.

MIDFIELD

ROB WILLIAMS: Spent several happy years at Loakes Park where he was always popular for his aggressive play in midfield. Now plays for Staines Town.

TED POWELL: The current Wanderers manager who was a member of the championship winning teams in recent years. After leaving Wycombe Ted played for his old club Sutton and later took over as manager. One of the most experienced Amateur internationals ever. Ted was also captain of his country. If selected, he will no doubt come in for a fair bit of attention from his current team!

TERRY REARDON: Responsible for much of Wycombe's success over the last three years, Terry made the central midfield position his own. Switched to local rivals Slough in the close season.

LARRY PRITCHARD: Another regular England amateur during his long spell at Wycombe where he dominated the scene from midfield. Now plays at Sutton.

MICK MELLOWS: Although now employed as a winger with Portsmouth, Mick played several times in midfield during his all-too-short stay at Loakes Park. Now a regular Portsmouth first teamer.

DAVE ALEXANDER: Dave had a couple of years at Wycombe before leaving last season for Woking. Bearded midfielder player who turned in many useful performances for the Blues.

FORWARDS

STEVE PERRIN: A Wycombe favourite who was a key player in their recent success. Signed by Crystal Palace a season ago Steve has finally broken through into the Palace first team and crowned his debut with a goal recently.

GEOFF ANTHONY: Welsh amateur international who had two spells at Wycombe. Left last season to join Hayes.

KEITH SEARLE: Regarded by many as the finest centre forward on the R.I.L. circuit, Keith was the regular number nine in his Wycombe days. Left a season ago and helped Enfield take the league title last season.

KEN SWAIN: Spent only one season at Loakes Park but thrilled thousands with his skills. Snapped up by Chelsea who have made the best use of his talents. Now an important player in the bid to return to the First Division.

VIV BUSBY: A High Wycombe man. Viv began his career with Wanderers before joining the professional ranks with Luton. Moved to Fulham where he had a period on loan at Newcastle and recently joined Division One club Norwich.

Well, there it is. A difficult task indeed to select 12 from this squad but remember those three super prizes that will be awarded to the winners. Send your entry form to the Sales Promotion Dept, Bucks Free Press, Gomm Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

ENTRY FORM

WYCOMBE WANDERERS PAST XI DEFENCE

Goalkeeper:

Right back:

Left back:

Centre back:

Centre back:

MIDFIELD

Midfield 1:

Midfield 2:

Midfield 3:

FORWARDS

Forward 1:

Forward 2:

Forward 3:

Substitute:

Name

Address

Tele: